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SUBJECT: WHAT KANYARENGWE WANTS

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I HAVE HAD 11 HOURS ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 425 TO
PONDER THE MEANING OF OUR LONG MEETING WITH COL.
KANYARENGWE. HIS REMARKS ILLUMINE THREE AREAS THAT
MAY HELP US PUSH FORWARD THE PEACE PROCESS.

3. FIRST, WHAT HE WANTS IS NOT JUST POWER SHARING,
BUT A NEW POWER ALIGNMENT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.
IT IS USEFUL TO KNOW THAT THE INTELLECTUAL ORIGIN OF
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THE RPF PROPOSAL FOR A "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
COMMISSION", AT LEAST FOR KANYARENGWE, IS HIS
EXPERIENCE IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL
UNITY WHICH COLLEGIAALLY RAN RWANDA FROM THE 1973 COUP
UNTIL THE FORMATION OF THE SINGLE PARTY IN 1975. A
COMMITTEE SO CONSTRUCTED OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT FIT WITH
THE CURRENT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN RWANDA. HOWEVER,
KANYARENGWE'S OBJECTIVES MAY BE LARGELY ACCOMMODATED
IN THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS IF IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
DEVOLUTION OF POWER WILL BUILD ON THE CURRENT PROCESS
AND IS DELIMITED BY THE INTERIM PERIOD.

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4. IN THIS REGARD, THE RPF FIXATION WITH CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION GETS US OFF INTO A SIDE SHOW. IF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENT BECOMES NOT ONLY THE LAW OF THE LAND BUT HOLDS PRIMACY OVER OTHER LEGAL PROVISIONS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD, THEN CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES COULD BE FINESSED AND THE NEGOTIATIONS ON POWER SHARING MAY BE GREATLY EASED.

5. KANYARENGWE'S IDEA OF HAVING COMMUNAL ELECTIONS IS A GOOD ONE. IT GETS AT RESTRUCTURING POWER IN A CREATIVE NEW WAY THAT PUTS PEOPLE AT THE COMMUNE LEVEL IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN DESTINY AND THEIR OWN LOCAL LEADERSHIP. IT ALSO ADDRESSES THE SECURITY ISSUE AT ITS ROOTS. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE RPF TO PUT FORWARD ITS MOTION AND SUPPORT THIS IDEA WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

6. THE GOOD COLONEL'S REMARKS ABOUT INTEGRATION,
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DEMOBILIZATION, AND SIZE OF RWANDA'S FUTURE ARMY WERE MOST REASONABLE. HE OBVIOUSLY WARMED TO THE SUBJECT. I THINK HE MAY UNDERSTAND THE REAL NATURE OF INTEGRATION PROBLEMS BETTER THAN ANY OF HIS UGANDAN COHORTS BECAUSE OF HIS LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THE RWANDAN ARMY WHICH HE NOW SEEKS TO REJOIN. ANYONE WHO TALKS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE FORCE SIZE, ABOUT TRAINING SO THAT SOLDIERS RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER AS RWANDANS, AND ABOUT "SLOW AND DECOROUS FUSION" IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK. HE SHOULD HAVE OUR SUPPORT IN SELLING HIS IDEAS TO HIS OWN CADRE. I RECOMMEND THAT OUR NEXT MILITARY-TO-MILITARY BRIEFING OF RPF, WHENEVER AND WHEREVER IT MAY TAKE PLACE, SHOULD INCLUDE COL. KANYARENGWE.

7. THAT WE FINALLY GOT TO MEET WITH KANYARWNGWE IS ONLY DUE TO YOUR PATIENT PERSEVERANCE. ONCE WE DID, THE AMBIENCE OF HOTEL TALLEYRAND WAS PERFECT FOR THE OCCASION AND FOSTERED THE KIND OF WIDE-OPEN EXCHANGE THAT CAN ONLY PUSH OUR RWANDAN FRIENDS TOWARD PEACE.

8. I INTEND TO SHARE THESE THOUGHTS WITH AMBASSADOR GENDREAU IN ARUSHA, BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO COMMUNICATE THEIR GIST TO THE QUAI BEFORE THEY WRAP UP THEIR NEW

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RWANDAN POLICY.

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